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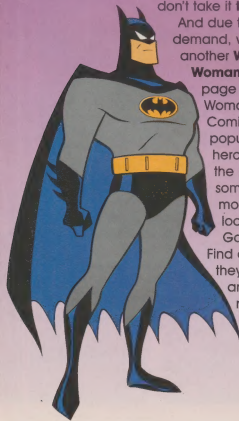
# INTRODUCTION

How do you like your great Batman **GLOW STICKERS** on the cover of this issue of **I Love to Read Batman**?

In this issue, enjoy two action-packed comic stories featuring Batman and Robin. The first is *Crime Wave*, in which Batman and Robin are called in to investigate some serious crimes committed by some serious villains! Then read the story *Trial Run*. In this adventure, Robin sees some gangsters pick on an innocent man. It's up to him to save the victim.

In addition to our usual brain teasing workbook, don't miss the super quiz, *20 Questions*. How much do you know about Batman, Robin and the other citizens of Gotham City? Find out in this fun quiz – but don't take it **too** seriously!

And due to popular demand, we have another **Wonder Woman** story on page 8. Wonder Woman, one of DC Comics' most popular super heroes, comes to the rescue when some horrible monsters are let loose on Gateway City. Find out where they came from and whether or not she can send them back!



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Crime fever has hit Gotham City! The city's most notorious criminals are striking all at once! Can Batman and Robin stop the crime wave?

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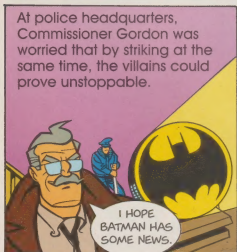
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# CRIME WAVE

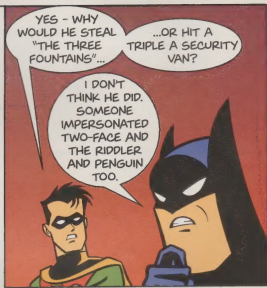


As Two-Face was led away, there was news of another crime...

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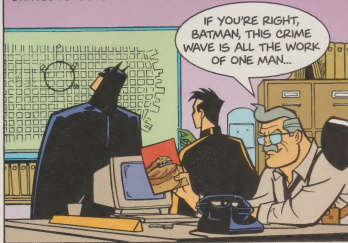
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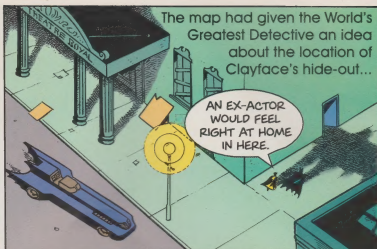
Batman instantly thought of the former actor who could change his shape to look like anyone.

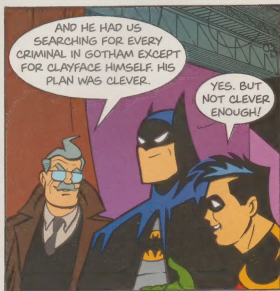


Gordon checked the villain's file in his office, where Batman and Robin studied a map of the crimes to date.









# DYNAMIC DISPATCHES

HERE'S ANOTHER SUPER SELECTION OF PICTURES FROM LETTERS YOU'VE SENT US. AREN'T THESE GREAT?! UNFORTUNATELY, THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO FIT IN ALL YOUR MAIL BUT KEEP WRITING IN AND WE WILL KEEP PRINTING AS MANY AS WE CAN!



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THE OPENING OF AN ANCIENT BOX RELEASES ...

# THE PANDORA PLAGUE

**I**t was a fine spring day in Gateway City... until noon, that is. As the last stroke of the midday chimes faded across the city roofs, the air itself gave a shudder, and strange monsters burst out into the streets!

There were hundreds of them, thousands perhaps. Some were big, the size of horses. Others were tiny, as small as rats. No two were the same. The only thing the creatures had in common was that they were all ugly. Slimy, greasy, rubbery, bony, scaly and hairy, they slithered, shambléd and writhed through the city, causing panic and destruction wherever they went.

The police arrived quickly on the scene. They tried to do everything they could to stop the ghastly creatures from destroying the city. But they had not been trained to deal with anything like this. They couldn't arrest them and when they tried firing at them, the howling creatures just shrugged the bullets off.

"What are we going to do?" one police officer despaired.

"I don't know," replied his colleague. "Perhaps... wait... look!"

At that moment, a dynamic figure flew down from the sky.





"It's Wonder Woman!" the officers shouted with excitement.

With dazzling speed, the Amazon Princess leapt to confront the nearest beast, a shaggy brute the size of a rhino. It was trying to rip a police car apart. With her amazing strength, Wonder Woman swung a punch that knocked the creature back a dozen yards to the other side of the street, leaving it in a daze.

But that was just one. And there were many others. Wonder Woman gazed at the incredible scene around her. She could sense an unspeakable evil coming from each creature and she noticed that they could change shape and even join with others to make even larger, more threatening monsters. As she watched them they seemed to sense her presence and started to move towards her. It was as though they could sense her good nature, so different to their own, and they wanted to consume it.

"I'll need to know more about them if I'm going to find a way to defeat them," she thought.

Using her magic golden lasso, Wonder Woman captured the beast she had confronted earlier. Anyone or anything caught within the lasso's noose was obliged to tell the truth. Wonder Woman questioned her demonic captive.



"Where do you come from?" she demanded. The creature answered her in broken English. "The big, white building," it slurped, pointing down the street.

Wonder Woman knew the building. In fact, as her alter ego, Diana Prince, she worked there. It was the Gateway City Museum of Antiquities.

Having subdued the creature, Wonder Woman sprinted to the museum and rushed inside. A trail of destruction led down to the basement labs, where one of Diana Prince's colleagues, Professor Smedley, was trying to clean up the worst of the mess.



"Wonder Woman! Oh, thank goodness," cried the Professor.

"What's going on?" demanded Wonder Woman. The Professor looked up at her sheepishly, and began to explain.

"I was doing some archaeological work in Greece recently, and brought back various finds for further study," he said. "One of them was this small black box, sealed and inscribed with ancient writing. This morning, just before noon, I became curious and decided to examine it. I didn't take the time to decipher the writing on its side and opened the seal. At that moment, the plague of monsters exploded out of it! It's all my fault."

He handed Wonder Woman a black, shoe-box sized container.

Wonder Woman could understand many ancient languages, and she quickly translated the writing on the box.

"It says that the box was made by a sorcerer in Ancient Greece," she read. "He had been trying to undo the curse of the mythical Pandora, who had unleashed all evil into the world and built his own box to lure the evil back into it. But quickly, the box became full and the sorcerer sealed it, so at least that portion of evil would be trapped."

Wonder Woman put down the box and turned to Professor Smedley. "It seems, Professor, that you have accidentally unleashed it all again."

"Oh, what have I done? What am I going to do?" moaned Professor Smedley, sitting down with his head in his hands.

"We must find a way to trap all this evil again," Wonder Woman replied.

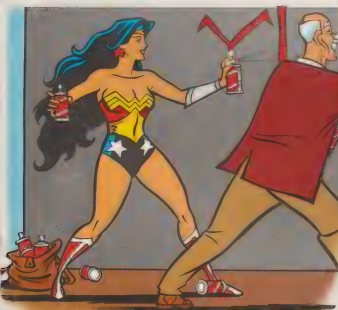
"Just tell me how I can help," cried the professor.

Soon, using herself as bait, Wonder Woman was flying through the centre of Gateway City, shouting and taunting the plague of creatures. Moving quickly to avoid their grasping paws and coiling tentacles, she made as much noise as she could to make them follow her.

It worked. Wonder Woman headed for the docks with the writhing monsters in tow. As they followed her, they bumped into each other and merged together. Soon Wonder

But she was ready. She leapt aside, and the blob of evil fell into a large cargo container whose doors had been left open. Wonder Woman hit the blob hard, driving it into the container, then slammed the doors shut and locked them.

Smedley ran from behind the container, carrying a bag full of aerosol spray-paint cans. Together, they spray-painted the outside of the container with the ancient words the sorcerer had put on his box. The magic charm was rekindled. The evil was trapped securely in the new Pandora's Box.



Woman was being pursued by one huge, evil blob, containing all the evil released from the box.

At the dockside, Wonder Woman stopped and the blob lunged for her.

Wonder Woman decided to turn the container over to the professor. "Now you know your carelessness caused us so much trouble," she said, "I know you'll make sure that the container is put safely into the museum vault and never opened again."

"Oh, yes," said the professor, "This container's now ancient history!"



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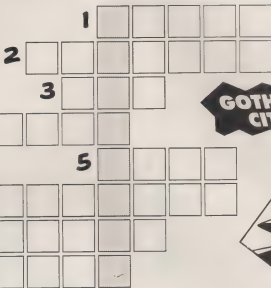


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## WORKBOOK

### WHO'S HIDDEN?

Answer the clues below and write them in the boxes. If you do it right, the grey boxes will spell out the name of one of Gotham City's deadliest citizens!



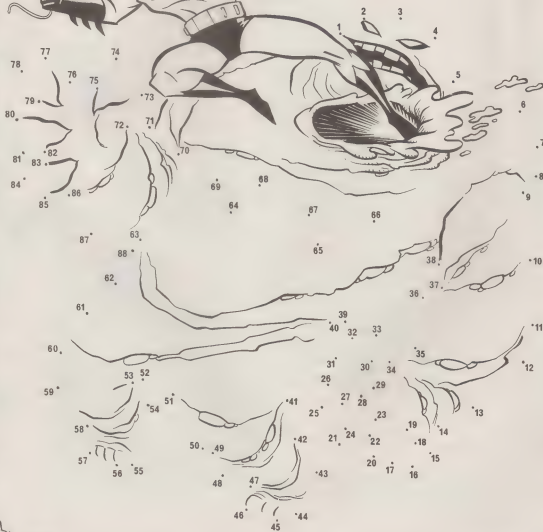
**GOTHAM CITY**

1. An illegal action.
2. A room for showing paintings.
3. It helps to show you the way.
4. Not innocent.
5. A folder for holding papers.
6. Ornamental jets of water.
7. A room for working in.
8. You would see this on the sea.



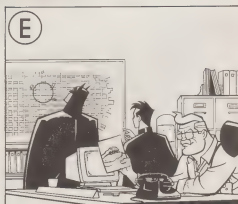
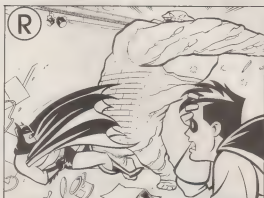
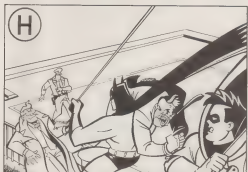
# DOT TO DOT

Look at this dramatic scene of Batman swinging in to combat one of Gotham City's most powerful villains!  
Take a pencil and join the dots from 1-88 to find out who this criminal with a muddy reputation is!



# ALL MIXED UP

These pictures have been taken from this month's comic strip story. Put them in the **correct order (1-7)** and write the letter from each picture in the boxes below to find a word used in the story.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7

# TRAIL RUN!

By moving or replacing a single letter in a word, you can change its whole meaning. For example, move the **I** and **A** in the word **TRIAL** and it becomes **TRAIL**, or replace the **R** from **RUN** with a **B** and it becomes **BUN!** See if you can change the words below from the story, *Trial Run*, into new words using the given clues.



Change one letter to describe a burst of wind.	DUST	Gust
Change one letter to make a word which means think.	WONDER	Pander
Change one letter to make something you play with.	BOY	toy
Change one letter to make rubbish.	CRASH	trash
Change one letter to describe a high wind.	GAME	Gale
Change one letter to make a noise.	SHOOT	shout
Change one letter to make a shine.	GLASS	
Change one letter and add another to make a cotton reel.	ROBIN	



# WHO TRAINS?

Below are pictures of people who, like Robin, must train hard to do their jobs. Unscramble their names in the circles and match them with the pictures.



OD  
CTOR

O  
TBL  
AFOL  
ERL

Footballer



Pilot

AC  
IRTC  
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ANI



Footballer

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IP

Pilot



Doctor

OB  
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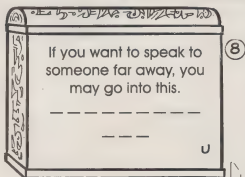
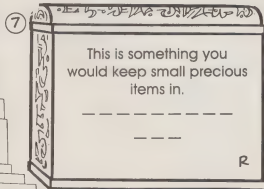
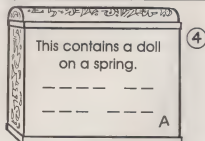
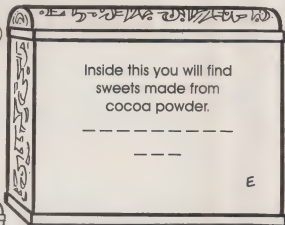
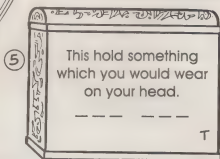
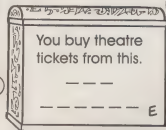
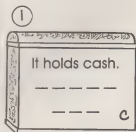
CE  
RKI  
TRC



ILP  
ONCE  
M

# BOXING QUIZ!

Pandora's box contained evil things. But there are many types of boxes that are useful to us. Fill in the spaces to match the descriptions in each box. Then, starting with the smallest, put the boxes in order of size. The letters in the lower right corner of each box will then spell a word used in *The Pandora Plague*.



# GREEK MAZE

Each of the ropes leading from Wonder Woman holds an ugly monster!

Follow each rope to see which one holds which monster (1, 2, 3 or 4).

Along each rope are circles with letters in order which spell the names of four Greek gods or goddesses. See if you can spell them correctly.

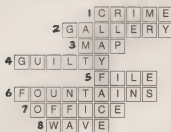




# ANSWERS



## WHO'S HIDDEN?



## DOT TO DOT

The criminal is **CLAYFACE**.

## ALL MIXED UP

The word is **THEATRE**.

## TRAIL RUN!

- DUST - GUST
- WONDER - PONDER
- BOY - TOY
- CRASH - TRASH
- GAME - GALE
- SHOOT - SHOUT
- GLASS - GLOSS
- ROBIN - BOBBIN

## WHO TRAINS?

- 1. BALLERINA
- 2. PILOT
- 3. BOXER
- 4. CRICKETER
- 5. FOOTBALLER
- 6. DOCTOR
- 7. MAGICIAN
- 8. POLICEMAN
- 9. ARCHITECT

## BOXING QUIZ

- 1. **MONEY** BOX
- 2. **CHOCOLATE** BOX
- 3. **BOX OFFICE**
- 4. **JACK IN THE** BOX
- 5. **HAT** BOX
- 6. **JUKE** BOX
- 7. **JEWELLERY** BOX
- 8. **TELEPHONE** BOX

## GREEK MAZE

- 1 ➤ 2 = ZEUS
- 2 ➤ 4 = APOLLO
- 3 ➤ 3 = ATHENA
- 4 ➤ 1 = APHRODITE

In order of size, the  
boxes go:

**1 6 3 4 5 8 7 2**

and spell  
**CREATURE**

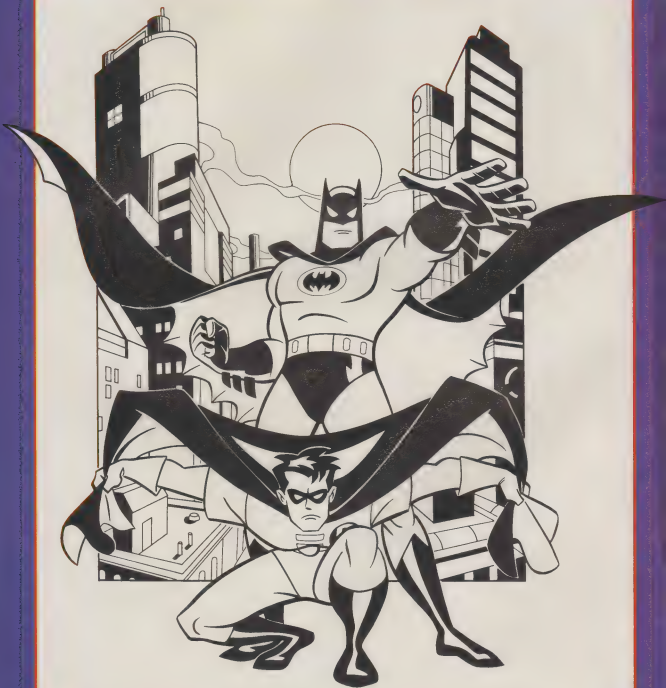




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# BATMAN & ROBIN COLOURING

Here's a dynamic picture of the Dark Knight and the Teen Wonder!  
Get out your favourite pencils or crayons and colour it in.



# BATMAN & ROBIN

## 20 QUESTIONS



How much do you know about Batman, Robin and all the other characters who live in Gotham City? Answer these twenty questions and find out how much of an expert you are. You can find out how well you have done by checking the answers over the page.

### 1. WHO IS BATMAN?

- A. BOB KANE
- B. JOHN WAYNE
- C. BRUCE WILLIS
- D. BRUCE WAYNE



### 2. WHO IS ROBIN?

- A. DICK VAN DYKE
- B. LARRY GRAYSON
- C. DICK GRAYSON
- D. THE BIRD MAN OF ALCATRAZ

### 3. WHERE DO BATMAN & ROBIN LIVE?

- A. METROPOLIS
- B. GOTHAM CITY
- C. NEW YORK CITY
- D. CENTRAL CITY

### 4. WHO IS BATMAN'S ENEMY?

- A. THE RIDDLER
- B. THE JOKER
- C. THE QUIZMAN
- D. THE CLOWN



### 5. WHO IS CATWOMAN'S ENEMY?

- A. THORNY ROSE
- B. DEADLY NIGHTSHADE
- C. BELLA DONNA
- D. POISON IVY

### 6. WHO IS THE CLOWN'S ENEMY?

- A. ALLIE KAT
- B. SELINA KYLE
- C. FIFI LINE
- D. SELINA SCOTT

**7. WHO DOES THE TALKING  
WHEN BATMAN SPEAKS?**

- A. TOP HAT
- B. BOWLER HAT
- C. PEAK CAP
- D. BASEBALL HAT

**8. WHO'S A BAT-BOY?**

- A. MUD PIE
- B. CLAYTON PACE
- C. DOLL FACE
- D. CLAYFACE

**9. WHO IS THE BROWN  
CAPTAIN?**

- A. RAGMAN
- B. SCARECROW
- C. CROW BARR
- D. CORN FIELD



**10. WHO DOES NOT  
SHOW UP IN ROAD**

- A. THE WHITE HOUSE
- B. THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
- C. GOTHAM SEWER SYSTEM
- D. GOTHAM ZOO

**11. WHO DOES NOT  
COME WITH THE TWO-  
FACED CHARACTER?**

- A. RESTAURANT MANAGER
- B. CAR DEALER
- C. MATHS TEACHER
- D. DISTRICT ATTORNEY



**12. WHO DOES BATMAN  
KNOW ABOUT THE  
MURDER?**

- A. THOMAS AND MARTHA
- B. JONATHAN AND MARY
- C. TIMOTHY AND MAUDE
- D. THOMAS AND MARY



**13. WHO'S A BAT-BOY COMBO?**

- A. HARLEY DAVIDSON
- B. HARLEEN QUINZELL
- C. HILLARY QUINTON
- D. HALEY QUEEN

**14. WHO IS COMMISSIONER  
GORDON'S FIRST NAME?**

- A. JOHN
- B. GEORGE
- C. JAMES
- D. GERALD

**15. WHO'S A BAT-BOY COMBO?**

- A. TWO TONE
- B. TWO-FACE
- C. BABY FACE
- D. DR TWINN

**16. WHO IS ALBERT WORTH  
BATMAN?**

- A. ALBERT
- B. WILFRED
- C. ALFRED
- D. GILBERT

**17. WHO'S BATMAN  
HARLEEN'S JOB?**

- A. MUSEUM GUARD
- B. ZOO KEEPER
- C. RESTAURANT MANAGER
- D. DETECTIVE

**18. WHO'S THE EXTREMELY  
WICKED GUY IN THE  
COMBAT AND I BLOOD?**

- A. AMSTERDAM
- B. ARKHAM
- C. CHEESE & HAM
- D. BEDLAM

**19. WHO'S BATMAN'S  
CRIMINAL  
RESEARCHER?**

- A. THE JOKER
- B. THE MAGICIAN
- C. THE WIZARD
- D. THE PENGUIN



**20. WHO'S BATMAN'S  
JOB?**

- A. MAD MAX
- B. MAD HATTER
- C. MARCH HARE
- D. TWEEDEE DEE

ANSWERS: 1-D, 2-C, 3-B, 4-A, 5-D,  
6-B, 7-A, 8-D, 9-B, 10-C, 11-D,  
12-A, 13-B, 14-C, 15-B, 16-C,  
17-D, 18-B, 19-D, 20-B.

**HOW TO SCORE**

**0-5:** You must be a beginner when it comes to Batman - Try to read the first 8 issues of I Love to Read Batman and try the quiz again!

**6-10:** Not bad, you're off to a good start. Keep reading Batman and you'll get to know it all!

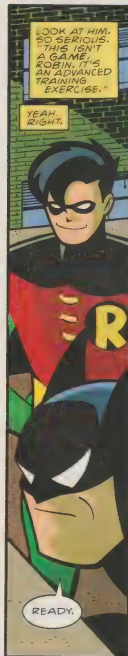
**11-15:** Very good. You must like Batman very much. You'll soon be an expert!

**16-20:** Brilliant! You must have read every issue of the magazine. Obviously a complete fan!

**A**FTER THE MURDER OF HIS PARENTS, YOUNG BRUCE WAYNE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO AVENGING THEIR DEATHS. NOW HE WAGES WAR AGAINST GOTHAM CITY'S CRIMINALS AS BATMAN, THE DARK KNIGHT! JOINING HIM IN HIS BATTLE FOR JUSTICE IS HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, A.K.A. ROBIN. HERE'S A LOOK AT ONE OF THE BOY WONDER'S FIRST ADVENTURES.

# BATMAN <sup>IN</sup> & ROBIN

# TRIAL RUN



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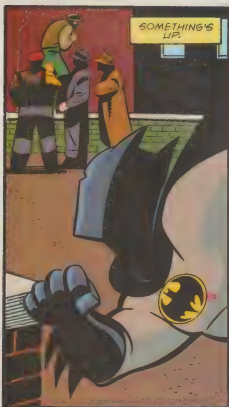
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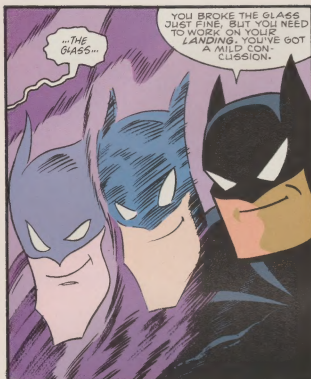














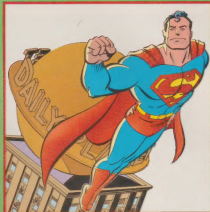
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF...



Commissioner Gordon's lovely daughter, Barbara, has a dark secret. Like her father, she does some detective work, seeking to bring Gotham City's criminals to justice – but she does it in the form of **Batgirl!** In the story, *Getaway*, she and Robin find themselves trying to apprehend some robbers in an exciting chase.

Then a mystery follows. Read on to find out how and why a wealthy tycoon is poisoned after his son's wedding in the story *Slay it with Flowers*.

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# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 8 differences between the top picture and the bottom picture of Batman confronting the beastly Clayface?



Answers: 1. Batman's forehead, 2. Batman's glove, 3. Batman's belt, 4. Inside of pointed edge of Batman's cape is black 5. Sole of Batman's shoe, 6. Clayface's tooth, 7. Clayface's foot, 8. Spoke in circle is missing.

